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According to Bernhard von Mutius, secretary in the Volksrat Sekretariat, the Russians no longer seem interested in expediting the Volksrat campaign for a peace treaty draft. Mutius hastened to add that the dissension which had made itself increasingly felt between the bourgeois elements and the SED within the Volksrat had no bearing upon this decision.

2. Mutius feels that current political questions take precedence over all other matters, especially since discussions on a four-power level are expected to materialize.
3. Mutius is confident that France, in order to prevent a revival of the armament industry of western Germany, will be willing to come closer to the Russian point of view.

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